

Amendments to the Claims:

Please add claims 36 to 41 to this application.

Set forth below in ascending order, with status identifiers, is a complete listing of all claims currently under examination. Changes to any amended claims are indicated by strikethrough and underlining. This listing also reflects any cancellation and/or addition of claims.

1. – 20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) A method of supplementing an experience of a visitor to a public space, the public space including a plurality of public space elements and information relating to the plurality of public space elements, the method comprising:

receiving an input relating to one of the plurality of public space elements from a visitor when a visitor is in the public space; and

sending supplemental information to the visitor when the visitor is outside of the public space based on the received input.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said receiving includes receiving an electronic transmission from the visitor while the visitor is in the public space.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22 further comprising electronically transmitting selection information to the visitor while the visitor is in the public space and wherein said input is selected from the transmitted selection information

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein said input is one of a bookmark, a keystroke and a response to a query.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said input is one of a bookmark, a keystroke and a response to query.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein said input includes identification information relating to the visitor.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said sending includes identifying supplemental information from an information database based on the received input; and

transmitting the identified supplemental information to the visitor via a data transmission network extending beyond the public space.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the transmitted supplemental information includes one or more links to additional supplemental information.

29. (Previously presented) A method for providing information about a public space element in a public space to a visitor after the visitor has left the public space, the method comprising:

transmitting electronically, within the public space, information about a plurality of public space elements, wherein the transmitted information includes selection information that designates one or more pieces of supplemental information about at least one of the plurality of public space elements;

receiving an electronic response to the transmitted information, said electronic response including visitor selection information;

retrieving supplemental information related to one of the plurality of public space elements in response to the received electronic response; and

sending electronically the retrieved supplemental information to a communications network extending beyond the public space using address information related to the visitor supplying selection information.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29 wherein the electronic response includes one of a bookmark, a keystroke and a response to a query.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29 wherein the transmitted information includes audio content relating to the public space element.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the transmitted information further includes text content relating to the public space element.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29 wherein said selection information comprises text content.

34. (Previously presented) A system providing information about one or more elements in a public space to a visitor to the public space after the visitor has left the public space, comprising;

a portable selection device including a first transceiver,

an internal information transmission system including a second transceiver, said first and said second transceivers forming a bi-directional data path between said portable selection device and said internal information transmission system within the public space;

a database in communication with said internal information transmission system; and

an external information transmission system coupled to said database and a data network external to the public space, said external information transmission system responsive to a visitor information selection received from said portable selection device by said internal information transmission system and sending information selected from said database to the data network.

35. (Previously presented) A method for supplying supplemental information about public space elements in a public space to a visitor after the visitor has left the public space, the method comprising:

receiving an electronic request for first information about a public space element from a visitor in the public space;

transmitting electronically said first information to the visitor in the public space;

receiving an electronic supplemental information selection from the visitor in the public space;

associating visitor identification information with said electronic supplemental information selection;

receiving an electronic inquiry from the visitor after the visitor has left the public space;

responding to said electronic inquiry with supplemental information selected based on the received electronic supplemental information selection associated with visitor identification information corresponding to the visitor from whom the electronic inquiry was received.

36. (New) A method of supplementing an experience of a visitor to a public space, comprising:

receiving an electronic input relating to an element within the public space from a visitor while the visitor traverses the public space;

associating the received input with identification information associated with the visitor;

receiving an electronic request for additional information from the visitor after the visitor has left the public space, said electronic request including identification of the visitor;

transmitting a response to said electronic request wherein said response is based, in part, on the received input associated with the identification information related to the visitor.

37. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein said receiving includes receiving a wireless electronic signal generated from a portable handheld device that traverses the public space with the visitor.

38. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein said receiving includes receiving the wireless electronic signal over a first network having transmission capabilities limited to the public space.

39. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein said receiving said electronic request and said transmitting a response are executed over a second network different from said first network.

40. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein the received input comprises an electronic bookmark.

41. (New) The method of claim 40 wherein the public space is one from the group of a museum, a gallery or an exhibition.